

**To:** Chairperson and Authority Members

**Date:** February 19, 2003

**From:** Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director

**Subject:** **Agenda Item 7 — Alameda Corridor Project**

**Discussion**

The Alameda Corridor Project is a 20-mile railroad expressline that connects the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to the transcontinental rail network east of downtown Los Angeles. It will create a faster, more efficient way to move cargo throughout the United States and to overseas markets. Traffic conflicts at approximately 200 street-level railroad crossings will be eliminated as a direct result of the program, allowing trains to travel more quickly and easing traffic congestion.

The Alameda Corridor Project is governed by a joint-powers agency, Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA), which consists of representatives from the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles the City Council and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.